

I claim:

- 1 A reinforced bra, comprising:

Claim 1 { previously presented } a pair of cups arranged for supporting a pair of breast; a horizontal back strap attached to said cups for positioning around a torso; a pair of vertical shoulder straps connected between respective tops of said cups and said back strap for strapping around a pair of shoulder; and generally non-stretchable reinforcing rings attached to fronts of respective cups generally concentric with nipple areas on said cups for maintaining shapes of said cups.

- 2 Claim 2 { withdrawn } ~~Have open center for comfort filled with fabric material.~~

- 3 Claim 3 { currently amended } The rings are part of the cup fabric.

- 2 A reinforced bra, comprising:

A pair of cups arranged for supporting a pair of breast; a horizontal back strap attached to said cups for positioning around a torso; a pair of vertical shoulder straps connected between respective tops of said cups and said back strap for strapping around a pair of shoulder; generally non-stretchable reinforcing rings attached to fronts of respective cups generally concentric with nipple areas on said cups for maintaining shapes of said cups; and generally non-stretchable suspension strips connected between respective rings and respective shoulder straps to prevent forward portions of said cups from sagging.

- 4 Claim 4 { previously presented } Generally non-stretchable suspension strips connected between respective rings and respective shoulder straps to prevent forward portions of said cups from sagging.

- 5 Claim 5 { previously presented } Wherein said suspension strips are integral extensions of respective shoulder straps.

- 6 Claim 6 { previously presented } Wherein said rings and said suspension straps are comprised of a more rigid material than said cups.

- 7 Claim 7 { Original } ~~Wherein said rings have open centers that have fabric in the cup portion.~~

- 8 Claim 8 { currently amended } The rings are part of the cup fabric.

- 3 A reinforced bra, comprising:

A pair of cups arranged for supporting a pair of breasts a horizontal back strap attached to said cups for positioning around a torso; a pair of vertical shoulder straps connected between respective tops of said cups and said back strap for strapping around a pair of shoulder; generally non-stretchable reinforcing rings attached to fronts of respective cups generally concentric with nipple areas on said cups for maintaining shapes of said cups; generally non-stretchable suspension straps connected between respective rings and respective shoulder straps to prevent forward portions of said cups from sagging; and slide buckles are not movable along said shoulder straps to adjust respective distance between said rings and respective top of said cups to control lifting of said cups.

- 9 Claim 9 { previously presented } Wherein said suspension strips are integral extensions of respective shoulder straps.

- 10 Claim 10 { previously presented } ~~Wherein said rings have open centers containing bra fabric. Slide buckles are not moveable on top of cups.~~

- 11 Claim 11 { currently amended } The rings are part of the cup fabric. The buckles are not

moveable on top of the cups.

12 Claim 12 {previously presented} Wherein said rings and said suspension straps are comprised of a more rigid material than said cups.

13 Claim 13 {original} The present bra includes a horizontal back strap and a pair of cups. Vertical shoulder straps are connected between the top of cups and back strap. Non-stretchable reinforcing rings are attached to the fronts of cups concentric with nipple areas there on.

14 Claim 14 {previously presented} ~~The rings have open centers containing bra fabric for comfort. The rings are part of the cup fabric.~~ Non-stretchable suspension strips are connected between respective rings and shoulder straps. The strips are sized to suspend rings [at predetermined position] are place about center of breasts relative to the nipple and the base of the cups to prevent the forward portions of the cups from sagging under the weight of large breasts.

15 Claim 15 {previously presented} The rings maintain the shapes of the cups to prevent them flattening the breasts when the shoulder straps are tightened.

16 Claim 16 {previously presented} A second embodiment includes shoulder straps which are movable up and downward through slide buckles attached to the tops of the cups for adjusting the lifting of the cups. ~~The slide buckles are stitch to top of cups.~~

17 Claim 17 {currently amended} The buckles are stitch to the top of cups.